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Ray wasn't part of plot: biographer

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NEW YORK—William Bradford Huie, biographer of James Earl Ray, now believes the convicted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was not part of a conspiracy.

Huie, appearing on an NBC television show, said he had reversed his earlier opinion about the existence of a plot.

He interviewed Ray after his capture and wrote a series of magazine articles hinting at a conspiracy.

RAY PLEADED guilty in Memphis Monday to the murder of Dr. King, but declared he did not accept the theory there was no conspiracy. He did not elaborate.

Huie said Ray enjoys the mystery cloaking his actions.

He takes great satisfaction out of the fact we still have doubts and unanswered questions," Huie said. "He wants continuing drama in his life."